

## Message Text

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INFO OCT-01 AF-10 EUR-25 ISO-00 EB-11 CIAE-00 COME-00

INR-10 LAB-06 NSAE-00 RSC-01 SIL-01 DODE-00 FMC-04

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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4948

INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMCONSUL CASABLANCA

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY RABAT

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DEPT PASS USINT CAIRO

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, ELAB, ETRN, XF

SUBJECT: ARAB LABOR BOYCOTT OF US SHIPPING AND AIR TRANSPORT

REF: CASABLANCA 771

1. EMBASSY HAS NO SPECIFIC INFO TO CONFIRM REPORTED GENERAL LABOR BOYCOTT OF US AIRLINES IN ARAB WORLD. REPORTED DECISION BY ARAB LEAGUE BOYCOTT OFFICE TO THIS EFFECT WOULD NOT HAVE REAL EFFECT UNLESS TRANSLATED INTO ACTION BY ARAB UNIONS AND/OR GOVTS. WE DOUBT ARAB FEDERATION OF TRANSPORT WORKERS OR ITS CAIRO BEDFELLOW, ICATU, WOULD HAVE CLOUT OR CAPABILITY TO LAUNCH SUCH ACTION AREA WIDE. EFFECTIVE WALKOUT WOULD REQUIRE PRIOR ACQUIESCENCE OF MOST INDIVIDUAL GOVTS. THUS FAR WE HAVE SEEN NO INDICATION OF GENERAL ARAB GOVT WILLINGNESS TO TAKE SUCH

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ACTION AGAINST US INTERESTS.

2. SEEN FROM BEIRUT, ARAB LABOR SCENE TO DATE HAS SHOWN NATIONAL FEDERATIONS, NOT ARAB FEDERATIONS, SETTING THE PACE IN RHETORIC AND ACTIONS, E.G., KUWAIT STRIKE. CONFEDERATION OF LEBANESE LABOR (CLL) LEADERS, FOR EXAMPLE, ARE ATTEMPTING TO USE ICATU AS MEANS TO STALL OFF SYRIAN PRESSURE ON CLL TO MOUNT BOYCOTT OF US/DUTCH/GERMAN SHIPPING AND AIR TRANSPORT IN LEBANON. WHEN SYRIAN LABOR FEDERATION PRESIDENT LED DELEGATION TO BEIRUT ON OCTOBER 23 TO MEET WITH CLL EXECUTIVE BOARD, LEBANESE TOLD HIM THEY COULD NOT TAKE UNILATERAL ACTION BUT WOULD STUDY POSSIBLE ACTION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OTHER ARAB NATIONAL FEDERATIONS AND ICATU.

3. INDIVIDUAL ACTIONS BY ARAB GOVTS OR EVEN CERTAIN ARAB TRADE UNION AGAINST US INTERESTS SUCH AS AIRLINES ARE NOT TO BE RULED OUT. HOWEVER, AS NOTED ABOVE, WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE HERE OF ANY MEANINGFUL, ORGANIZED PAN-ARAB ACTION TO THIS EFFECT AS YET.  
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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED CAIRO.

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